

P-31: High School Native American Clubs

Venue: Schools and Tribes

Goal: Preventing Initiation of Tobacco Use

Sponsoring Organization: Colville Confederated Tribes

Abstract: The Colville Confederated Tribe Tobacco Program staff worked through Culture Clubs in area schools to recruit tribal teens for youth tobacco prevention activities. Sixty-six youth have been recruited from four schools. All of the youth received TATU training and some have received other youth training including “Teens, Tobacco and Media”, the ACS Speak Out! Workshops/Camp, and have attended events like the “It’s the Truth. It’s an Outrage.” youth summit. Involvement of tribal youth as leaders is a vehicle for creating broader changes in tribal community norms around tobacco use, among other youth and their families.

Recommendations: Seek existing resources and organizations to recruit youth who represent specific sub-populations and might not respond to general outreach activities. Be positive and willing to work abnormal hours. Establish communication with the schools, have an advisor or contact that you can work with at each school. Keep it fun!

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